

that are so-called bricks and mortar or one-time expenditures for replacement and so on. But I guess maybe the time has come to tell you that I, too, am going to be voting along with Senator Owen Elmer because I believe, as he does, that we shouldn't start this auctioning process and, in fact, I have already stated that before. But I just felt like I needed to get up on the floor, make my point. Don Wesely came over to me and said, you know, do you need some help on this, but he said, you know, this is an opportunity to make your point, and that is exactly what I am trying to do. We all need to remember, and by the way, some of you that are so supportive of getting this thing across the floor and getting the vote of the people, you could gain a lot of votes, probably, by this being attached to it, because if you got aging funding to be a part of this, with the numbers of elderly people that we have in this state, you could probably gain a number of other votes to support this whole concept that we are promoting here today. But we know that there are a lot of special interests in this state. That was expressed this morning by senators when they stood up. It was expressed, and very well done by Senator Lynch on behalf of the CHIP program. There are many needs that we have out there. There are also many special interests, and rather than getting started in what I call the auctioning process, at this time I am going to withdraw this amendment, and I am going to oppose other efforts to do some, by piecemeal taking parts of it away, but I am telling you that I am not so sure, at this point in time, that I support the idea that if the law doesn't say that, that we should be supporting earmarking the money just to education at this point in time. Maybe what we should do is follow what the constitutional amendment says and that is the Legislature will determine how the money is spent, and you have a hearing in order for that to happen after this whole thing moves through the process. So I may be supporting Senator Labedz' amendment since we are all talking here about the amendments we are going to support, because her amendment, in my understanding, would say the money, the proceeds, if this thing goes through, it would have to come back to the Legislature, as it states in the constitutional provision, and we would decide, as a body, how that money is going to be spent, and it should be spent where we see the greatest need. You know the environment is the big concern that we all have right now. We have never put money into the superfund and we need it desperately in this state. We need to be addressing a lot of environmental issues and the concerns that we have here. Maybe that is more important right now, than saying we should put the money into innovative kinds